

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim 1 has been amended to recite receiving the time signal and obtaining timing configuration data (see Figures 14-25). In addition, claims 95-96, 98 and 99 have been incorporated in claim 1. The Applicant reiterates the arguments submitted and respectfully submits that the Examiner's rejection is improper and should be withdrawn. In addition, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 recites features that render it patentable over the cited art for additional reasons. These claimed features include changing the minimum bet, payoff percentage, brightness of display, and theme for a game based on the timing configuration data in response to a timing signal. It is respectfully submitted that the cited art does not teach or suggest the combination of these claimed features.

Based on the foregoing, it is submitted that the claims are patentably distinct over the cited art of record. Additional limitations recited in the independent claims or the dependent claims are not further discussed because the limitations discussed above are sufficient to distinguish the claimed invention from the cited art. Accordingly, Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner.

Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time which may be required to maintain the pendency of this case, and any required fee for such extension or any further fee required in connection with the filing of this Amendment is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 500388 (Order No. IGT1P492C1). Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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